GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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INTERVIEW OF PAK GENERAL ON DOORDARSHAN
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether the interview of Pak military ruler, General Pervez Musharraf by a journalist was telecast on DD at 7.30 PM on February 7, 2000;

(b) : if so, the rationale behind telecasting such interview on DD by the Government; and

(c): the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was felt by Prasar Bharati that an interview of General Pervez Musharraf, head of Pakistan Military regime, carried out by Doordarshan anchor would enable them to confront the General with the contradictions of the situations particularly in respect of restoration of democracy and legitimacy of his Government. The interview also sought to bring out the flimsiness of the basic Pakistan posture on their support to the terrorists.

(c) Does not arise.